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To: Chief of Station, Phnom Penh

From: Chief of Station, Viet Nam

General: Operational/PS HOW

Subject: Specific: Information concerning Idem A

Info: Chief, FE

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ACTION REQUIRED: None

In answer to request of Gregory O. SARTAN, the following is a composite of information from Samuel P. ELLE (TUSPUB) (IDEM B) and Vernon H. ADAMS (IDEM C) concerning Idem A.

1. Description of subject: between 35 and 40 years old, about 6 feet tall, rather bald, small mustache, very strong and vigorous, fine white teeth, Jewish. Speaks quite good English. He is married and has one 9 or 10-year old daughter. He has a sister in New York who is a naturalized American citizen. ADAMS says subject speaks well, loves fine music, has an impressive library, reads continuously and paints very well.

2. Early during the war he was deported as a Jew to a German concentration camp (tattooed prisoner's identification number on right fore-arm—9774), where he spent several horrible years and survived only by luck. Since 1945 he has spent most of his time in Indonesia and was apparently in intelligence or related fields most of the time. TUSPUB reports that (the first HUBAN rap in Hanoi 1950-51 was crushed in by an offer from subject to mount combined operations and was shortly afterwards declared mission impossible by the French.

3. Subject took part as a civilian in the Atlantic Operation, and, according to one report, went in with vast sums of money to make propaganda, buy off the opposition, etc. TUSPUB-1 (Idem B) and WANDLER (Idem E) considered Idem A's accomplishment in Central Viet Nam among the few notable achievements in that area, particularly in respect to his contribution to the Vietnamese pacification program which he coordinated throughout the course of Operation Atlanta.

4. Subject is an old friend of (Col.) Jean Garbano, former chief of VLM. He was for a time (June-August 1955) in the National Security Division, during which time he proposed to VILLIERS joint operations—pool resources and experience—(similar to Hanoi proposal, above) but VILLIERS refused, considered proposal pre-emptive maneuver.

5. March-April 1954, subject approached Station and ORASID for military support for program to support nucleus of a people's militia (people's militia) in the Ben Trung area. Information and correspondence on this proposal will be sent upon request.

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6. In February-March 1934, subject was sent by the French on a special mission to Poland and East Germany to attend a conference.

7. Subject claims that while working for TSM he organized an operation for SMITH, who later asked that he be removed from Belgium. Subject stated that SMITH wanted to get rid of him for "political" reasons—approximately 15 December 1934.

8. At present Subject is Ministerial Agent to French High Commissioner at Pusan Park, as of 26 December 1934. He frequently travels to Belgium, was seen here last 17 May.

— Walter L. Smith —

Enclosures

None, WFO

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